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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5288

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SUBJ: FIGHTING CONTINUES IN JIJIGA AND DIRE DAWA VICINITIES

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 5258 (NOTAL), B. ADDIS ABABA 5226 (NOTAL)

1. ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND (NROC)
ISSUED SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUING IN
JIJIGA VICINITY. NROC CLAIMED ETHIOPIAN REGULAR AND MILITIA
FORCES ENGAGED IN BATTLE INVOLVING AIR, TANK AND INFANTRY
UNITS TO REPULSE "INVADING FORCES OF REACTIONARY MOGADISCIO
REGIME" WHO DEPLOYED AROUND JIJIGA AREA. NROC ASSERTED MILI-
TARY UNITS DESPATCHED BY ARAQ AND SYRIA, AND OTHER "REACTION-
ARY ARAB RULING CLASSES" FIGHTING ALONGSIDE SOMALI-ARMED
FORCES. NROC FURTHER STATED ETHIOPIANS INFLICTED
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HEAVY DAMAGE ON ENEMY'S TANK AND INFANTRY UNITS, WHILE
SUSTAINING ONLY MINOR LOSSES. MID-DAY SEPT 2 NEWS RE-
PORTED TWO ADDITIONAL MIGS DOWNED BY MISSILE BATTERIES
IN JIJIGA VICINITY, BRINGING CLAIMED TOTAL TO 23.

2. ALTHOUGH ETHIOPIAN EFFORTS AROUND JIJIGA CHARACTERIZED BY
NROC VARIOUSLY AS DEFENSIVE OPERATION AND COUNTERATTACK,

MANY OBSERVERS IN ADDIS BELIEVE IT TO BE LATTER, AL-
THOUGH WE RESERVING JUDGMENT FOR MOMENT. IT STILL
SEEMS ETHIOPIAN FORCES TOO HARD PRESSED TO LAUNCH OFFEN-
SIVE. ALTHOUGH MEDIA HAVE NOT YET REPORTED RESUMPTION
OF FIGHTING IN DIRE DAWA AREA, ITALIAN EMBASSY BELIEVES
BATTLE TAKING PLACE 20 KMS OUTSIDE TOWN.
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